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R_1 is selected from groups (a), (b), and (c) wherein;

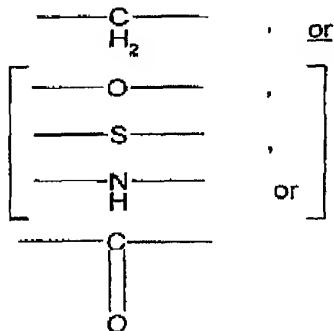
(a) is C_7-C_{20} alkyl, C_7-C_{20} haloalkyl, C_7-C_{20} alkenyl, C_7-C_{20} alkynyl, or carbocyclic radical, or [heterocyclic radical, or]

(b) is a member of (a) substituted with one or more independently selected non-interfering substituents; or

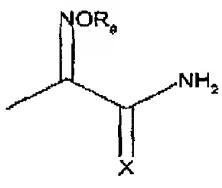
(c) is the group $-(L_1)-R_{11}$; where, $-(L_1)-$ is a divalent linking group of 1 to 8 atoms and where R_{11} is a group selected from (a) or (b);

R_2 is hydrogen, or a group containing 1 to 4 non-hydrogen atoms plus any required hydrogen atoms;

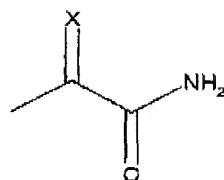
R_3 is $-(L_3)-Z$, where $-(L_3)-$ is a divalent linker group selected from a bond or a divalent group selected from:



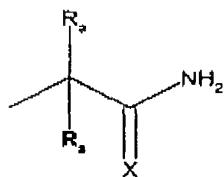
and Z is selected from a group represented by the formulae,



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or



wherein, X is oxygen [or sulfur;] and R₄ is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₈ alkyl, aryl, C₁-C₈ alkaryl, C₁-C₈ alkoxy, aralkyl and -CN;

R₄ is the group, -(L_C)-(acylamino acid group), wherein -(L_C)-, is an acylamino acid linker having an acylamino acid linker length of 1 to 8;

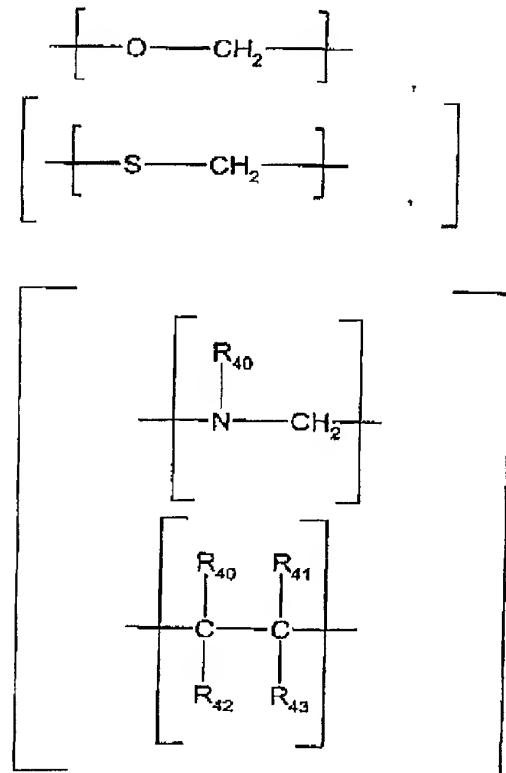
R₅ is selected from hydrogen[,]or a non-interfering substituent[, or the group, -(L_A)-(acidic group); wherein -(L_A)-, is an acid linker having an acid linker length of 1 to 8];

R₆ and R₇ are selected from hydrogen[,]or a non-interfering substituent[, carbocyclic radical, carbocyclic radical substituted with non-interfering substituent(s), heterocyclic radicals, and heterocyclic radical substituted with non-interfering substituent(s)].

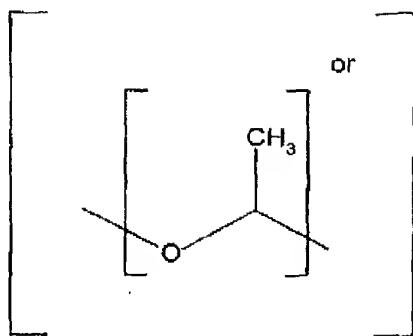
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3. Cancelled.

4. (amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein the acylamino acid linker group, -(Lc)-, for R₄ [selected from -(Lc)-] is a divalent group selected from,



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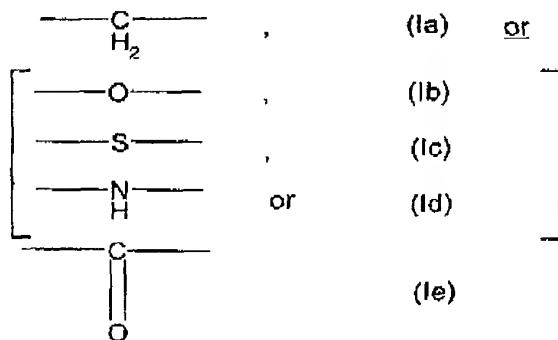


[where R_{40} , R_{41} , R_{42} , and R_{43} are each independently selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_8 alkyl.]

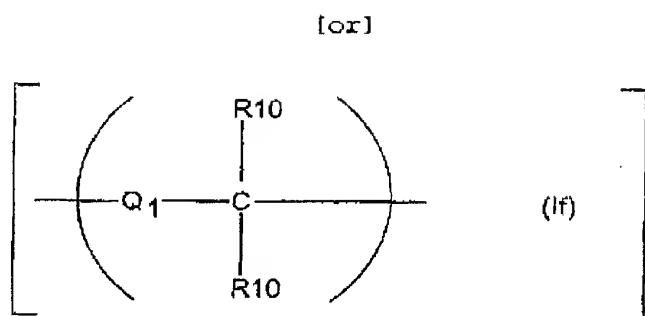
5. Cancelled.

6. Cancelled.

12. (amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein for R_1 the divalent linking group - (L_1) - is selected from a group represented by the formulae (Ia), (Ib), (Ic), (Id), (Ie), and (If) :



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[where Q_1 is a bond or any of the divalent groups Ia, Ib, Ic, Id, and Ie and R_{10} is independently -H, C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{1-8} haloalkyl or C_{1-8} alkoxy.]

13. (amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein the linking group $-(L_1)-$ of R_1 is $-(CH_2)-$ or $-(CH_2-CH_2)-$.

14. Cancelled.

16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled.

19. Cancelled.

20. Cancelled.

20. Cancelled.